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## Maryland winter wheat production increases, USDA reports

**ANNAPOLIS, MD** – The U.S Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated winter wheat production in Maryland at 16.6 million bushels, up 25% from the 2022 total of 13.3 million bushels, according to Shareefah Williams, state statistician of the Maryland Field Office. Area harvested for grain totaled 195 thousand acres, up 15% from 2022. The average yield per acre was estimated at a record high 85 bushels per harvested acre, up 7.0 bushels from the previous year.

Barley production was estimated at 1.25 million bushels, down 5% from the 2022 total of 1.31 million bushels. The average yield, at a record high 96.0 bushels per acre, was up 14.0 bushels from the previous year. Area harvested for barley is estimated at 13 thousand acres, down 19% from 2022.

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